

Saturday, 5th August, 1922.

Ibrox Park, 3.15.

BURNS ANNI- v. LITHGOW  
VERSARY  
(Navy Blue)

Early Match, 1.45.

Referee: Mr. G. FOOKS.

PYRMONT RANGERS v. GARDEN ISLAND  
(Blue with Gold Sashes)

Brereton Park, 3.15.

REFEREE: MR. S. FREEMAN.

PARRAMATTA v. ABBOTSFORD  
DISTRICT DISTRICT  
(Red) (Black and White) ..

REFEREE: MR. A. KERR.

PUNCH PARK v. RAILWAY THISTLE  
(Black and Gold) (Red and Green Stripes)

## THE IMMENSE POPULARITY OF ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

### Its Ever-increasing Attraction for the Masses.

By SYDNEY HORLER.

I am writing this on one of the hottest days in the year. True, it is early autumn, but the heat is almost overpowering. The sun, high in a heaven of unruffled blue, is streaming into my room. Through the open window, a moment ago, I heard the hum of voices raised in argument. Idle curiosity drew me from my seat. "Those weak spots in the forward line will have to be strengthened, or—." The speaker, a tall, thin man, with the face of a reformer, waved his hands agitatedly.

"Get away!" replied his stocky companion. "Old Joe's all right!" I waited until I heard the name of a certain more or less famous team mentioned, and then turned

away. The two men had been talking about football! Football, with the sun scorching the earth and those who dwell upon it! FOOTBALL—with the mercury nearly jumping out of the glass!

Let us examine the astonishing fact that on such a day two men could be found arguing about a winter pastime. A closer analysis will disclose that there is nothing extraordinary in the proceeding. There is no "close season" for the football follower. When he is not harking back to what his favourite team did last season, he is speculating what they will do in the coming tourney. You cannot alienate the affections of the true enthusiast; he will be polite, and come with you to a cricket match or a tennis tournament, but if you watch him closely, you will see that after a while he will be staring into space. His thoughts are for the bonny days of September, when the big brown ball will bounce, when the clash of football factions will stir his blood and make him feel at friendship with the world once again.

Association football has caught this country in a fast grip. Typically British in character, it is indisputably the great national hobby.

It makes a more sure appeal to the man in the street than even racing. To begin with, it claims an immeasurable advantage over the sport of kings inasmuch as it is more accessible. To go to a racing meeting requires money and time—especially the latter—while to see Smith or Harry Jones can jump from the nearest tramway-car and see some of the finest football in the country within half an hour—this is, if they live in a big city.

The faint-hearted said that the late War would kill the interest in professional football. Never was there a bigger fallacy. So far from last season being a failure, it was the most successful year that the football world has ever known. Records of all sorts were broken and these, in turn, will most assuredly be broken afresh in the season which will have commenced by the time these lines see the light.

The War, instead of killing football, fostered it. Thousands of men either watched or played the game themselves while they were in the Army, and, fascinated by the sport, returned to civil life with love for the great winter game strong in their hearts.

Many reasons might be given for the tremendous, almost unbelievable, hold that football now has upon the public, but I think the primary reason why nearly the quarters of a million people in England alone went every Saturday last season to see the various big professional teams play was because the stirring game seized the imagination of the masses. Even to-day the majority of the latter lead a life of sordid workaday lives. Such, the stimulating excitement of a first-class football match makes a transportation into another world—a world of choking emotion, colour, drama, and swift action. A couple of hours they are enabled to forget their sorrows; the magic of football—for the game has magic in anything like the degree—brings into their lives excitement, interest.

(To be continued.)

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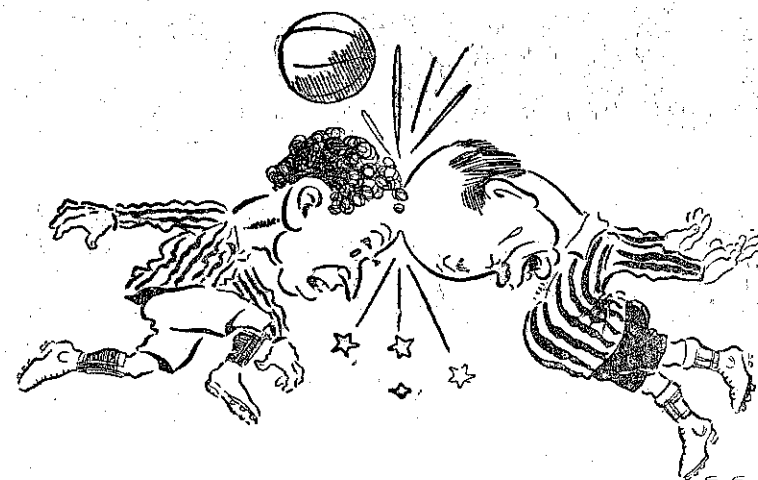
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## SUNLIGHT CLUB.

The above club met Fire Brigades at Easton Park last Saturday, and after a good game won by one goal to nil. Sunlight opened up well, almost scoring in the first few minutes, the ball striking the upright. Numerous opportunities of scoring were not taken advantage of by the forwards, the shooting lacking direction. Soon after com-

mencement of the second half Ewan secured from the right wing, and, beating the back, found the net with a good shot, giving the goalie no chance. The halves were playing excellent football, McInnes being very nippy, and Brown doing great work. Duggan, Watson and Jordison were the pick of the forwards. In the closing stages of the game Fire Brigades attacked strongly, and went close to scoring several times, but the final whistle left Sunlight victors, 1-0.

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Contributors are informed that contributions must be written in ink, and that the Editor will be thankful to receive same at 6 o'clock at the Sports Club on Tuesdays.

## The Soccer News EDITORIAL.

### CENTRALIZATION.

#### IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

The competition tables of both the First Division and the Second Division of the First Grade make very interesting study at present, and provide much food for thought in view of the rules of the Association that the two teams which have the least number of competition points in the First Division shall the following season be relegated to the Second Division, while the two leading teams in the Second Division shall be promoted to the First Division.

On examination of the tables, we find that both Canterbury and Easton Suburbs are due for relegation next season, while it seems likely that Balmain Scottish and Sydney will be teams that will secure promotion.

This means that, in the First Division next season, there will be three Balmain teams, two Pyrmont teams, and Sydney, Gladesville and Granville. The position is therefore that first-class football will be confined to the Western Suburbs, with the exception of the Granville team (Sydney is a team the majority of whose players reside in the Western Suburbs), while the teams of the North Shore, the Eastern Suburbs, the South Sydney district, the Mawarra Line, and Canterbury district are totally unrepresented in our best grade of football.

All followers of the game should ask themselves whether this is in the interest of progress. It is not, for example, a question as to whether the present club system, as it operates now, is for the benefit of the game either in the near future or in the more distant future.

It is a question which must be considered along with that of the

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standard of play. Can we evolve a system which will secure a first grade team in the different main districts, and at the same time induce the best players to play for those teams irrespective of whether they are residentially qualified or not. The district system, on a compulsory residential basis, is anathema to many soccerites. A system that not only encourages, but induces players to seek First Grade honours is what we want, and that system should, for the future progress of our game, go hand in hand with the idea of decentralization rather than with centralization.

### FORWARD PLAY.

(By TOM RUDDIMAN, ex-Aberdeen and Glasgow Rangers.)

It seems superfluous to again refer to the fact that combination from "goal out" is the essence of successful Association football—the unity of every move and effort timed and balanced by each member and culminating in the one objective—goals. The ideal combination in Soccer is rather rarely seen, and although it is a "consummation devoutly to be wished" all are not gifted alike in the matter of mental balance. Therefore a break here or there in the cog of the wheel of combined effort upsets the harmony of the whole. To justify the game as an attractive exhibition to the public, especially in this Britain of the South Seas—bully little New Zealand (the home to-day more than any other, I believe, of the Rugby code)—the importance of combination in the Association game cannot be too strongly stressed. In no position on the field is it more essential than in the forward line; not that this means the forwards should be absolutely mechanical, but dovetail individualism and enthusiasm with unselfishness and judgment, making the most of every move and every moment.

The young player must have some natural inclination towards the game; he must be enthusiastic, imbued with a desire to acquire himself worthily in whatever position he takes up. He will know from these whether he is likely to succeed best on the right wing or left, or at centre-forward, and by his build, speed, etc., whether he is best adapted for the inside or outside berth. I mention this specially because during a fairly long experience of the game I love and of which I have always been an earnest student,

willing to learn from anybody, I have seen few players who could fill any position and have not seen very many who could play well in several positions or on either wing. To be equally expert with either foot, however, is a great asset. It is a most useful one in a wing forward—inside or outside—and if in last week's issue I draw attention to this important essential in a centre half-back, its absolute necessity in the centre-forward position cannot be emphasised too strongly. The position calls for the same powers of intuition and rapidity of thought to seize chances that are so essential in a centre half-back. He must be a strong shot with either foot. In shooting instantaneous action must be cultivated, and self-possession—the absolute control of oneself—is the essential factor in obtaining that possession and control of the ball upon which the shot depends.

The centre must be full of dash, plucky to a degree, have a close control of the ball so that he can at will distribute the play, and, on occasion, draw one or other of the full-backs towards him before judiciously driving the ball out to his unmarked winger. You are the pivot of and leader in attack; the general of the front line, there to inspire confidence in your mates, and you must acquire the art of turning rapidly, being always on the alert to pick up the centres from either wing and to drive at these on the run with either foot. The centre must be more than ordinarily clever with his head, and adept at timing the flight of the ball, as his opportunity of scoring in this way from high centres from the wing or from corners are many.

Much is expected of the centre-forward, and amongst others two of his principal assets should be—fortitude, to stand the knocking about his position entails, and sang-froid or self-possession, to come up smiling and to turn a deaf ear to abuse or blame (to give it a milder term) when things go wrong. The latter should never come from your own club mates. The young aspirant to the position must get out of his mind that the centre-forward has "a roving commission." You may have heard from some quarters that the centre should go down the field to his team's area and work for the ball. Leave that to your inside men, and thus reserve all your energies for that burst between the backs that crowns the efforts of your mates. You more than any other must keep your place.

The centre-forward at times depends to a greater extent upon his inside men, according to the run of the play, than to the half-backs behind him, and as he is the pivot of the front line of attack he should be played up to more than any other. This is really stating the obvious; but for those who are not altogether saturated with a knowledge of the game of Soccer the



centre-forward, if he has the good sense not to roam or poach, has the whole goal area, before him, and his opportunities for scoring goals are consequently greater than any of the other forwards.

He must concentrate his mind on every move in the game, always be ready and in his stride to accept the pass that may come, ever on the alert, watching and anticipating the flight of the ball. These remarks apply equally to the wing men on each side of him as well as to the halves behind, and that combination so desirable cannot be attained unless each member of the half and front lines cultivates the art of gauging distance and direction, besides anticipating what his colleague is likely to do—i.e., watchful for the expected or the unexpected. Avoid the habit characteristic of a good many centre-forwards of too often facing your own goal when your defence is being pressed. The correct stand to take to avail yourself properly of the opportunity of slipping through the full-backs is the side-on position, which will enable you to gather the forward pass from your half and get into your stride without delay. Be watchful also of your position in your opponent's half of the field of play and take in the positions at a glance to guard against your getting "off-side." The centre forward's judgment in this respect must be exceptional, as nothing is more irritating to his mates than seeing well-executed movements nullified by the centre continually being pulled up for "off-side." Study the "off-side" rule of the game, and bear in mind that you cannot be "off-side" if you are behind the ball when it is last played by one of your mates or when last played by an opponent. Follow up your forward that is in possession, but hang back just that sufficient distance behind the ball as to ensure your being "on-side." Remember, too, that you cannot be penalised for "off-side" unless you are playing the ball or interfering with the play, and should you discern that on occasion you are in an "off-side" position make no movement whatever, in which case the referee must let the game go on. You and the other forwards must necessarily be earnest students of the game and become as highly qualified on the "off-side" rule as the best of referees. Players are altogether too prone to forget that there are rules and intricate points in the rules to be learned.

The centre, more than any other, plays football for the glory of goals, but he should not allow himself to be led into the belief that he is the only one who must score them. This begets selfishness—the most dangerous malady a centre can contract. Get goals by all means—that's what you are primarily there for—but don't forget that the credit may be mainly due to a crafty move by one of your mates. If you keep this in mind you will gain respect and avoid a good conceit of yourself—otherwise "swelled head."

I have known a centre forward cunning enough, on finding himself up against a stonewall defence that was giving nothing away, to change tactics. He seemed to go all to pieces, muffled the passes, hesitated, and lost

control of the ball, until the unwary opposition ceased concentrating their attention, reckoning he was off his game. Then the rude awakening in the shape of a fine individual effort, culminating in the goal that probably meant victory. This is the key note of individual effort and craft—the doing of the unexpected, the unlooked for. Repeated individual effort in a centre or inside forward is useless, as he will find that it is not only one opponent he must beat, but three, and probably four, and no great centre forwards that I know or have seen were ever guilty of over-stepping the bounds in this respect. Individualism and the knack of shooting on the run are grand qualifications in a centre or in any forward; but what is even better is ability to judge when to attempt the solo effort and when to leave it alone.

Having himself played in the centre forward position, both in junior and senior ranks, for a good many years, the writer will be excused, doubtless, for enlarging at such length on the duties and essentials of a centre forward. Space does not permit of the same full reference to the inside forward positions. However, these perhaps call for the greatest display of craft and a vast amount of grafting too, as it is their duty, along with the co-operation of the halves, to make all the openings, to vary the play from wing to wing as occasion demands; to work like niggers for the ball, and at times to fall back, help a harassed defence, and quickly regain their position in the front rank when the ball is clear of the danger zone. Too much wing play is to be avoided, as it tends to waste. It is very nice to see a fast winger sprint for the corner flag, send a lovely shot into the side of the net, or send it sailing over the bar, to the accompaniment of a howl of appreciation from the crowd, who are not aware that the chances are all against the style of play resulting in goals. The men at home and abroad capable of sending in a perfect centre on the run from a fast sprint down the touch-line could, I think, be counted on both hands. More goals by far result from other methods, notably the three-inside game.

Being a Scot, the writer will be excused no doubt for having decided leanings to the three-inside game, which, when all's said and done, has had the longest life of any style of play, and I believe has been indulged in more often than any other by both Scottish and English forwards since it was introduced to Scotland by the famous old Queen's Park and to England by the equally famous Corinthians. Played with all the subtlety or craft that the grand old game calls forth, it is to my mind easily the most attractive game for the onlooker, besides being generally the most effective. Seeing the "Sassenach" may call me in question, I had perhaps better qualify it a little by saying that, after all, the palm will go to the team of halves and forwards that can best adapt themselves to a mixture of individualism, the three-inside combination, or the wing-pair combination. Any team of forwards that sticks to a hard and fast style of play will, of

course, soon come to grief when against class half-backs, and centre forward and inside men vary their play as the circumstances and ground and overhead conditions warrant.

The forwards must be sound in mind and limb, and I do not believe in much ball practice during the playing season, nor in too much training either. A sound mind in a healthy body does not require it, and there is a danger in the Soccer code in doing training and overwork with ball in that enthusiasm may be paired. Enthusiasm for and a fine love of the game has been the secret of success in the great game that made and make the game.

Hints on the art of controlling the ball, heading, and trapping, and on the art of training, which may be the issue, will have to be held over till next issue.

## SYDNEY v. AUBURN

This match was somewhat marred by the bad state of the playing area at Wentworth Park. A defeat for either of the contestants meant the elimination of all hope of promotion into First Division next season. Auburn had the better of the opening half, but showing up prominently, and winning over several capital chances, but the inside men had an off and nothing materialised. Malcolmiss an open goal with the helpless on the ground, but in the second half Picken brought through from a corner kick. Sydney soon levelled the score, Sherrington being the agent, following a run and centre by Smith. The same scorer added another soon afterwards, and then on Sydney had the game in hand. Before the end Glachen added another, the score being: Sydney, 3; Auburn, 1.

Gladesville H. are keenly anxious of beating Annandale to-day at Brereton Park at 1.45 that they played a draw with Annandale in the First Round.

Referee Brown gave every faction at Campsie Thistle-Corinthians match last Saturday.

## REFEREES APPOINTED FOR SATURDAY, 12th AUGUST, 1922.

### FIRST GRADE.

#### First Division.

Pymont Rangers v. Balmain Easton Park, 3.15 (D. McKinnon).  
Pymont v. Easton Suburbs, Centennial Park, 3.15 (G. Skelly).  
Balmain Fernleigh v. Granville, Wentworth Oval, 3.15 (W. Wright).  
Canterbury v. Gladesville, Campsie Recreation Ground, 3.15 (S. Towsey).

#### Second Division.

Burns Anniversary v. Commonwealth Dockyard, Ibrox Park, 3.15 (W. Alexander).  
Auburn v. Balmain Scottish, Wentworth Oval, 1.45 (R. Burns).  
Campsie Thistle v. North Sydney, Canterbury Road, 3.15 (L. Gill).  
Lancashire Society v. Sydney, Mascot Park, 3.15 (A. W. Bates).

### SECOND GRADE.

#### A Division.

Annandale Altona v. Gladesville, Brereton Park, 3.15 (E. Lukeman).  
Botany Albion v. Sunlight, Easton Park, 1.45 (G. Fooks).

Metters Ltd. v. N.S.W. Fire Brigade, Booralee Oval, 3.15 (J. O'Toole).

Hornsby Athletic v. Punchbowl, at Punchbowl, 3.15 (A. Kerr).  
Manly, the bye.

#### B Division.

Parramatta District v. Rozelle Rovers, Parramatta Park, 3.15 (F. Willesford).  
Two Blues v. St. George District, Cook Park, 3.15 (H. G. Read).  
Callan Park v. Hurstville United, Callan Park, 1.45 (E. Jones).  
West Sydney v. Abbotsford District, Ibrox Park, 1.45 (J. McDougall).  
Drummoyne, the bye.

#### C Division.

Pymont Rangers receive forfeit from Annandale Altona.  
Punch Park v. Metters Ltd., Mascot Park, 1.45 (M. Smith).  
Railway Thistle v. Gladesville Hospital, the Hospital, 1.45 (S. Freeman).  
Botany Albion v. Garden Island, Lyne Park, 3.15 (W. Neil).  
Linesmen for Wentworth Oval: Mr. H. Sainty and Mr. J. Lester.

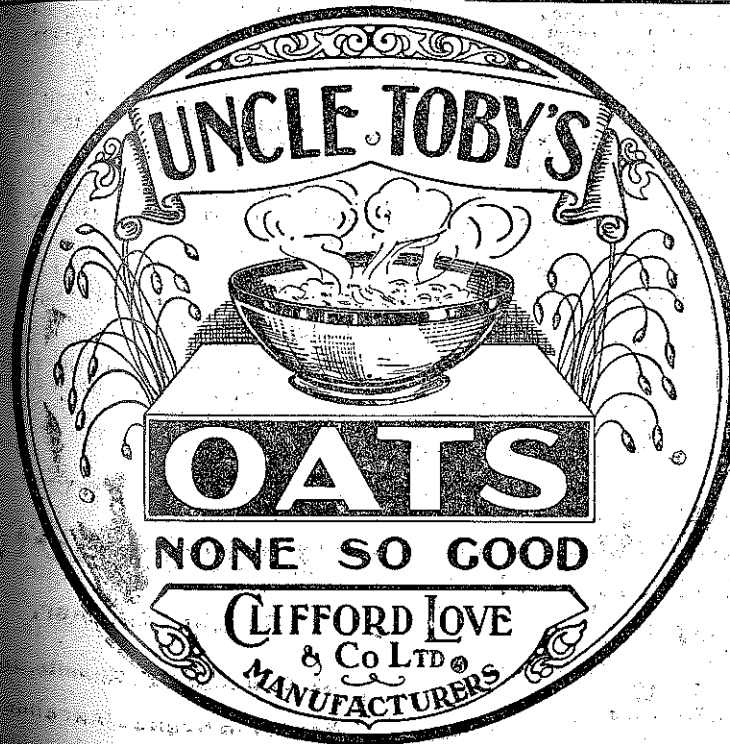
## PYRMONT DISTRICT.

Contrary to the expectations of a considerable number of the sporting public, Pyrmont were never troubled in their game against Gladesville last Saturday at the "Oval." It was expected that with Crum and Maitland out of the team that the "blues" would be considerably weakened, but owing to the splendid play of the whole team and the sparkling football that the forwards played they had rather an easy time and subsequent victory. The first three goals of the "blue" brigade, the first from McLean on the right wing, and Alewood (two) in centre, were according to expert opinion the finest three goals that have been scored on the "Oval" this season. They were without doubt regular "eye openers" and gave goalie McNee no chance whatever to save them. Alewood played his best game to date. The "Monts" have scored 38 goals this season in the competition and have had 10 scored against them. The goals scorers are:—Alewood 14, Burcham 7, Maitland 6, Osborne 2, McLean 4, and Gray, Crum, Anderson and Loveridge 1 each. The other goal was scored by a Canterbury player against his own side.

The round ball game is very popular in the Pyrmont District, even down to the schools. Pyrmont Public School have this season won the "C" Division of the Balmain District Schools, their record being: P. 10, W. 9, L. 1, D. 0, goals for 22, against 3, having thus only lost the one game the first match of the season against Ultimo School, who defeated them 3 goals to nil. The outstanding players were Doig, Jones, Lyons and Gallagher. They have still to meet the winners of the other divisions and are very confident of success.

Pyrmont Rangers 2nd League have won their division with a clear lead of 5 points. Looks like a few sets of medals coming to the "Monts" Clubs this year.

That all available players for the Representative Match between the Second Division of First Grade and the Second Grade must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary M.S.F.A. as soon as possible.



## TWO DIFFERENT VERSIONS.

The Soccer fans at Ibrox Park on Saturday last were treated to a very fast and exciting match in the early game between Pyrmont Rangers and Garden Island, the footwork of both teams being excellent, and it was only owing to the good defence of both sides that the scoring was kept down to one goal to nil in favour of Rangers. The goal was scored through the agency of Rangers' clever winger, J. Cohen, who received the ball at half way and raced down the wing and beat the goalie with a beautiful shot. All Rangers' team were good, the best on the day being F. Garrard, and the goalie, F. Johnson, and the pick of Garden Island were Jones, Woolley and Irving.

R.M.

As was expected the match between Garden Island and Pyrmont Rangers at Ibrox Park on Saturday Aug. 5 provided the spectators with plenty of thrills. On the day Garden Island were very unlucky to lose the points as they were undoubtedly the better team. The luck was against them from the start. The Fleet sailing last Monday caused them to lose Bailey, their left half, and Pearson, the outside left. Added to this, after many promises that the Platypus would not sail until Monday, she sailed on Saturday and took with her Wolmer the right back. This left the Island with three positions to fill at the last minute, which did not help them any in the most important match of the competition.

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Garden Island played with only ten men for the first twenty minutes of the game and it was during the first ten minutes that Pyrmont scored the goal that gave them the match. From that time until the final whistle blew Garden Island were always in Pyrmont territory. To sum the game up in a few words—Garden Island, 50 shots, no goals; Pyrmont 1 shot, 1 goal.

## REPORT RE LITHGOW.

The following report has been received from Mr. H. B. Ranger, a member of the M.C. of the M.S.F.A.

I beg to report having visited Lithgow on Saturday last, the 29th ult., with Burns Anniversary Club to play Lithgow Thistle in the Gardiner Cup. The game ended in a draw, neither side scoring, which is not to be wondered at, considering the state of the ground. I beg to submit a few remarks re the possibilities of the game in the Western district. I personally think that with a little fostering it will make good, as there is a loyal following, but unfortunately there is a great trade depression in the district at present. Re grounds: The ground they play on is the property of Messrs. Hoskins, and they do not know but that the firm may require it for their business at any time. Hence the reason for the Association making no improvements. However, they are on the lookout for any possible ground elsewhere. Teams: In conversation with officials, I was informed they have three First Grade and five Second Grade teams in local competition, also a District Knockout Competition, in which are entered the three First Grade teams, as well as one from Bathurst and two from Wolgan district, so you will see that the game is spreading in the West. There is also six teams playing in Public School Comp., for which a cup has been donated. In conclusion, I cannot speak too highly of the courtesy and kindness extended to the visitors by all we came in contact with.

## POT SHOTS.

Murray succeeded in tricking Law.—Evading the law.

Granville always has Fairweather and Winter.

Pyrmont advanced with Alewood, Burcham and Loveridge in the van.—In the van, what next?

Lyons replaced Henson at centre forward.—Lions should not be allowed on any football field.

Cockatoo will not secure promotion to the First Division next season.—Flying too high.

Punch Park v. Railway Thistle.—A punch at a thistle.

Wallsend was able to secure victory over Kurri Kurri.—Not exact in the soup, but well kurried.

All depends therefore on the pies.—Oh! birdie.

Scottish has matches against Burns.—What a blistering time.

Gladesville B team defeat N.S.W. Fire Brigade.—Gone blazes.

St. Bede's had a close call at All Souls B.—Nearly got the B on a string.

In the second half Kitchen away on his own.—Dividing house.

E. P. Crook is up and again.—Was crook, still Crook better now, thanks.

Lidcome still on the up gave Rangers no chance in a game.—Lidcoming on.

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## DID YOU KNOW THAT:

N.S.W. won the first test on Saturday by one goal to nil. Sinclair scored the winning goal.

A monster benefit social will be held in aid of Arthur Burns, of Pyrmont Rangers, at Leigh House, on Wednesday, August 23rd.

Burns is still an inmate of the Auburn Hospital, and that he has lost the use of his right arm.

This paper may be obtained at the Granville Railway, Lavender Bay, and Erskine St. Wharf Branches of the N.S.W. Bookstall Coy.

Small chatty pars. about players or officials are welcomed by the Editor.

Mr. Frank West is out to locate a Mr. Hay, who, it is said, has possession of the Dewar Cup.

The "Soccer News" has been started in West Australia.

Dewars Ltd. naturally want the Cup to be put up for competition.

A big crowd was present at Ibrox Park last week to witness Burns Anniversary v. Lithgow.

The whole Scotch population is turning out to see Balmmain Scottish v. Burns Anniversary next Saturday on Wentworth Park early.

Pyrmont Rangers are twelve, while Balmmain Gladstones are only eleven competition points.

All entry fees for Sunlight Cup must be paid before the Competition commences.

## SUNLIGHT CUP.

The draw for the First Round is as follows:—

Annandale Altona v. Drummoyne.  
Punchbowl v. Hurstville United.  
West Sydney v. Botany Albions

Hornsby Athletic v. Rozelle Rovers.

Garden Island v. Lachlan Rangers.

The following teams have drawn byes:—

Mettlers A, Sunlight, St. George, Botany Albions A, Fire Brigades, Abbotsford, Two Blues, Parramatta District, Pyrmont Rangers, Callan Park, Gladesville.

Saturday, 12th August, 1922.

Easton Park, 3.15.

## PYRMONT RANGERS v. BALMAIN GLADSTONE

Referee: Mr. D. McKINNON.

**Pyrmont Rangers.**  
(Blue with Gold Sashes)

F. Anderson

1—S. Robinson 2—E. Thomas

3—G. Kelso 5—J. Reid

4—H. McAlister

6—T. Cooper 7—E. Robinson

8—W. Moore

9—E. Hopgood 10—C. Graham

Reserve:

C. Johnson

**Balmmain Gladstone**  
(Black with Gold V)

W. Hughes

11—J. Murray 2—G. Fitzpatrick

4—L. White 3—R. White

5—W. Byers.

6—H. Gowen 9—E. Bolus

12—J. Hodgkiss

8—M. Kerr 10—C. Brennan

Early Match, 1.45.

Referee: Mr. G. FOOKS.

## BOTANY ALBION v. SUNLIGHT

(Blue and Gold Stripes)

(Blue and White Stripes)

Centennial Park, 3.15.

## PYRMONT v. EASTERN SUBURBS

Referee: Mr. G. SKELLY.

**Pyrmont.**  
(Blue)

R. McDonald

12—A. Fisher 2—S. Anderson

13—W. Britton 5—C. Timms

1—J. Crum

6—A. Maclean 3—E. Loveridge

8—S. Alewood

9—J. Burcham 10—R. Osbourne

Reserves:

J. Cornwall

**Eastern Suburbs**  
(Red, White and Blue)

W. Burroughs.

1—G. Smart 2—W. B. James

3—A. P. Harry 5—A. V. Hunter

4—A. Manuel

6—W. G. Foulds 7—J. R. Thomas

8—A. Gallagher

9—T. Stacey 10—W. Baker

Early Match, 1.45.



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Wentworth Park Oval—3.15 p.m.

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**BALMAIN FERN- v. GRANVILLE  
LEIGH**

**GRANVILLE**

(Black and White Stripes)

Goalkeeper

**E Mobbs**

Fullbacks

1—G. Dane

2—E. Doherty

Halves

3—D. Leabeater

4—J. Comrie

5—H. Spurway

Forwards

7—H. Winter

9—R. Fairweather

6—W. Dane

8—J. McCrae

10—F. Ramsay

8—J. Fisher

11—H. Baxter

10—F. Yabsley

6—G. Turner

9—F. Hancock

Forwards

14—A. Law

4—E. Ferrier

5—J. Adams

Halves

1—R. Leadbetter

2—H. Batten

Fullbacks

**G. Cartwright**

Goalkeeper

**BALMAIN FERNLEIGH**

(Blue and Gold Halves)

# PROGRAMME

Saturday, August 12, 1922.

Wentworth Park Oval—1.45 p.m.

REFEREE, MR. BURN

**AUBURN v. BALMAIN SCOTTISH**

**AUBURN**

(Blue)

Goalkeeper

**L. Evans**

Fullbacks

1—C. Perkins

2—T. Amos

Halves

3—W. Ashby

4—J. Tranter

5—J. Picken

Forwards

7—W. Hagedorn

9—D. Reid

6—S. Bourke

8—A. Malcolm

10—V. Davies

6—J. Sinclair

8—A. Forbes

10—R. Campbell

7—E. McAlpine

9—J. Hutcheson

Forwards

3—G. Hay

4—W. Cummins

5—S. Smith

Halves

1—A. Knox

2—H. Bridge

Fullbacks

**T. Davidson**

Goalkeeper

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## PROTESTANT CHURCHES ASSOCIA- TION.

Last Saturday Austens F. C. defeated All Saints by the odd goal in nine, which is hardly first class football. The play throughout was scrappy and both sets of backs were off colour. Gorman and Nichols were the best of the poor sets of backs. Menill played far the best game for the Saints, while Edwards and F. Holt were the pick of Austens. Holt, who is a recruit from third grade, has the making of a fine player. St. Aidans A accounted for L.O.L. 46, in a decisive manner at Waterloo, 3-0. The surprise of the day was that Lachlan Rangers A forfeited to Leichhardt Meth. (a 2nd grade team). The reason is hard to understand, for the majority were present on Waterloo, unless the match was considered "infra dig."

To-day the Rangers should have no difficulty in accounting for L.O.L. 46, as should St. Aidans A do with All Saints. Will. St. Stephens and Austens should be the best match of the day.

Lachlan Rangers B and Alex. Mission put up a great fight at Waterloo; the Blue and Gold team winning, 1-0. All Souls A had a narrow win from St. Aidans B, 3-2. Beardsmore was the best of the day, spoiling the good work of Dunford and Pollock, time and again. Beardsmore seems to be at home in the mud. Townsend, (who lives off-side) Taylor and Corefield played well as did Roberts between the Aidans' uprights. Lidgood of Lakemba Congs. A is playing well at centre half.

To-day at Ascot, Dulwich Hill Baptist A, and Lachlan Rangers B should provide a great match. Both teams are level though Dulwich Hill Baptist A have a match in hand. I would not like to prophesy any result. All Souls A, Lakemba Congs. A and Alex. Mission should win, though St. Aidans B will fully extend the latter team. They may even go further and defeat them.

St. Johns played a commendable draw with Hurlstone Park Congs. 3-3. Alex. Congs. and Dulwich Hill Baptist B should

have victories to-day. St. Annes should win from St. Johns, but a reverse result would not be surprising. The best match will be at the Flat, where St. Albans meet Austral Waratah B, with the odds in favour of St. Albans.

Last week 3rd grade was full of surprises. Botany Meth. played a scoreless draw with St. Albans. Allan, Warren, and Bullock were the best on the day. Sec. Millner would do well to keep his team and their supporters under a little more restraint.

All Souls B tossed Lakemba Meth. B, 3-2, though in defence of the Meths. it must be stated that they only fielded 8 men. It was a scrappy game. Lakemba Congs. B played well and towelled St. Oswalds, 6-3. V. White netted five of the six. At half-time St. Bedes were leading Austen Jun. 2-1. In the second spasm, Austen Juniors went to pieces and St. Bedes broke all records in the comp. and netted 11 goals.

To-day St. Bedes and Lakemba Cong. B should be interesting but I rather favour the Drummoyne boys. St. Albans should have no difficulty in disposing of Lakemba Meth. B.

On 7th October the Association will hold a presentation Social and Dance in the Dispensary, Hall, Leichhardt. Club Secretaries can obtain tickets from the Secretary at the Sports Club on Mondays and Fridays.

Delegates are reminded of the Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday next to accept the resignation of the Hon. Treas., or to accept his terms of remaining in office.

### P.S.C.R.A.

The Referees' Association are endeavouring to arrange a match with the Metropolitan Referees' Association for Sept. 23rd on Leichhardt Oval.

### DRAW FOR SATURDAY, 19th.

#### AUGUST, 1922.

#### FIRST GRADE.

Austens F. C. v L.O.L. 46, Ascot, 3.15.

Lachlan Rangers v All Saints, Waterloo, 3.15.

Will. St. Stephens v Lakemba Meth. A, Willoughby, 2.30.

St. Aidans A the bye.

### SECOND GRADE.

#### "A" Division.

All Souls A v Alex. Mission, Ascot, 1.45.

Leichhardt Meth. v Balmoral Pres., Hurlstone Park, 3.15.

St. Aidans B v Lachlan Rangers, Fivedock, 3.15.

Lakemba Congs. A v Dulwich Hill Baptist B, Hurlstone Park, 2.45.

Enmore Tabs., the bye.

### SECOND GRADE.

#### "B" Division.

Alex. Congs. v St. Andrews, Centennial Park, 3.15.

Austral Waratah B v Hurlstone Park Congs., Wardell Road, 3.15.

Dulwich Hill Bap. B v St. Annes, Meadowbank, 2.30.

St. Johns v St. Albans, Centennial Park, 1.45.

Newtown Congs. the bye.

### THIRD GRADE.

All Souls B v St. Albans, The Flat, 1.45.

Botany Meth. v Lakemba Meth. B, Lakemba, 1.45.

Austens Juniors v Lakemba Congs. B, Lakemba, 3.15.

St. Bedes v Tempe Park Meth. Fivedock, 1.45.

St. Oswald the bye.

### INTER-DIVISION.

St. Aidans A v Enmore Tabs. Waterloo, 1.45.

Newtown Congs. v St. Oswald The Flat, 3.15.

## GRANVILLE ASSOCIA- TION.

Despite the fact that most of the grounds were somewhat under water, the fixtures as set down were all carried out.

Those old rivals West Ryde and Arnotts met at Auburn and after a most interesting game honours were even, 1 all. This was a deferred match from the first round, when the appointed referee was unavoidably absent. The teams declined to agree to a substitute.

These teams also met on the previous Saturday at Dundas. As fates willed it, the referee George Wellings was detained at work (an unusual thing). He arranged for another man to take his place. This time Arnotts

Saturday, 12th August, 1922.

CAMPBIE RECREATION—3.15 p.m.

## GLADESVILLE v. CANTERBURY

Referee: Mr. S. TOWSEY.

Gladesville,  
(Red)

J. McNee

1—Waldergaves

3—McPhee

6—J. Shaw

8—Dodds

11—Robertson

2—Murray

5—A. White

4—P. O'Hara

7—Keating

3—Henson

10—Sutherland

12—J. Lyons

Canterbury  
(Blue and Gold Stripes)

Hatcher

1—R. Smith

3—D. McLennon

6—J. Thirwell

9—G. Milner

11—T. Forbes

2—J. Shipley

5—C. Lauder

4—L. Stobie

7—H. Chapman

8—T. Wardhough

10—L. Hippisley

12—Edwards

Early Match, 1.45.

protested on his incompetence which has been upheld by the Association and match has to be replayed.

Another protest comes from Holroyd against Lidcombe whom they allege played suspended players. Lidcombe won a good game, 2-1. Both teams have to appear on Tuesday next to settle the question.

Volunteers were held at bay by St. Johns Park, whom they defeated, 3-1. Although St. Johns have not had a very successful season, they have put up some very fine games and have given some of the leaders a few anxious moments. Great things are expected from them next season.

United and Rangers who have been running neck and neck throughout, played a scoreless draw.

In the Juvenile, Carlingford nearly spoilt Two Blues chance of contesting the final. This was a very good game and the Merry Farmers won, 3-0.

West Ryde also blighted Kewpies hopes to the tune of 2-1.

The deciding matches to-day in this grade are:—

Two Blues v Carlingford.

Kewpies v West Ryde.

The boys have worked the positions out to a very fine art.

Kewps. say if Blues lose and we win, we will be level on 19 points. Then we will want a deciding match.

It appears pretty certain at a glance that Blues will be beaten, but there is no certainty. Kewpies will win. The Hills boys always put up a great game.

Congregational forfeited to Rovers.

### RICHARDSON CUP COMP.

Kewpies and Auburn District Juniors met at Clyde in the early match. The Auburn boys won a very fierce game, 3-1.

A good lot of bad feeling had been aroused over this match. The players on both sides feeling very grumpy towards each other. It is indeed a pity that some teams cannot exhibit a more brotherly feeling towards each other even on the football field. The slogan of the Granville Brotherhood is, "Play the Man." Have the teams adopted it?

A better one in this case is the Magpies Motto: "Play the Game." We recommend the latter to some of the teams.

Magpies have entered for the South Coast "Nurse Cup."

Two Blues are also after the Sunlight Cup.

Fixtures for to-day are:—

### JUVENILE.

Two Blues v Carlingford, Clyde, 1.45.

Kewpies v West Ryde, Blaxcell St., 2.30.

### JUNIOR.

Two Blues v Carlingford, Rosehill, 3.15.

### ALL-AGE.

Arnotts v Volunteers, Auburn, 3.15.

Holroyd v. United, Granville Park, 3.15.

West Ryde v Rangers, Dundas, 3.15.

St. Johns v Lidcombe, St. Johns Park, 3.15.

Auburn District v Kewpies, Clyde Oval, 3.15.

Veteran Tom Williams is again on the sick list. He has had a rather bad attack with the heart. We trust he will soon be about again.

### COMPETITION TABLE.

#### JUVENILES.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	B.	F.	A.	Pts.
Carlingford.	11	10	1	2	30	3	25	
Two Blues.	11	7	3	1	2	18	11	19
Kewpies	11	5	3	3	2	25	15	17
Lidcombe	12	6	5	1	2	25	17	17
W. Ryde	11	6	5	—	2	9	11	16
Cong.	13	2	10	—	2	5	22	8
Rovers	12	1	11	—	2	5	38	6

#### JUNIORS.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	B.	F.	A.	Pts.
Auburn	11	10	1	—	2	50	2	24
Carlingford.	11	8	2	1	2	31	28	21
Two Blues.	10	8	2	—	2	48	19	20
W. Ryde	12	7	5	—	2	13	27	18
Lidcombe	12	3	8	1	2	22	34	11
Kewpies	12	2	8	2	2	18	33	10
Rovers	12	0	12	—	2	4	45	4

#### ALL AGE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	B.	F.	A.	Pts.
Kewpies	10	10	—	—	1	78	6	22
Volunteers	12	9	3	—	1	30	20	20
Holroyd	13	9	4	—	1	33	14	20
W. Ryde	10	7	2	1	1	28	12	17
Arnotts	11	6	3	2	—	24	31	14
Lidcombe	13	5	8	—	1	30	42	12
United	13	3	8	2	1	23	33	10
Rangers	12	2	8	2	1	11	60	9
St. Johns	12	1	10	1	1	14	58	5

\* Protest.

## THE REFEREE.

(By MAC).

In last week's issue there appeared a good article on "Barracking," appertaining to the Referee in particular, and, as stated therein, "much can be written on this all important subject." I quite agree with this and desire to enlarge on the matter, by quoting cases that happened in the old country during the past season, but refer to barracking of a different description.

Almost every club has its barracking friends who set themselves out to go for certain players. Most people want real sport, and the best team to win, with no doubt natural inclinations towards their own particular team,

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but there are others. They are after the style of blood-suckers, who, if their team are not getting goals, they would sack the net every match, and who invariably barrack some player whether winning or losing, and show no consideration to players who may be unfortunate.

During an Old Country League match last season the game was not long in progress, when such an ass started braying, and the player concerned in the incident, says he will not again play for the particular club, because of the insulting behaviour of some of the club supporters on this occasion. The nuisance seems to be quite general, and although we here don't at present suffer much from such barrackers, those who have the interests of the game at heart must take steps to nip any such happenings in the bud. It must be a painful duty for a player to refuse playing with his club, because of the ignorance of some supporters, who however seem to be allowed by other patrons of the sport, full scope for their nefarious deeds. Drastic action is being taken by clubs against such "sports," and the sooner they are got rid of, the better. They are being refused admission to grounds where they happen to be known.

It is always an easy matter to sit on a stand and see what should be done on the field, and those who makes themselves obnoxious in this respect, evidently have never played the game. They do not realise the difficulties on that account, and often they expect the impossible from those they are watching, and when the impossible naturally fails, the barrackers don't forget to let it be known, and in no uncertain manner. To barrackers, even those who are urged by best intentions, I say, be sports and encourage players by that consideration which is their due.

Our sport is at present threatened by many such influences which will do it infinite harm if not counteracted at once, and surely an appeal to the sporting instincts of the spectators at a match should be sufficient to merit fair treatment. The football field must be kept free from undesirable scenes created by a

wild few. The game is gaining ground and must be kept in a winning position, and to do so all unseemly demonstrations must be checked, and held in check, by firm measures. The game is creating favourable impressions with the general sporting public, who at present support other codes, and their patronage will be ours in the near future in all probability, provided our game is kept clean in every respect.

Support is essential to club's progress, but let it be of the clean sporting type. Give the other fellow a cheer when he rightly deserves it. Encourage the players to "play the game," and not as it is frequently heard from a few irresponsibles, "put the boot in, etc." which will bring the game into disrepute.

The Old Country football associations are taking strong measures against brake clubs, and such concerns no doubt are inseparable from "Soccer" there, are now, by the action of the police, because of offences committed by the few, (of course the many have to suffer as usual), quite on a par with a Sunday School Picnic.

Flags are not permitted to be carried on a ground and many other features are being cut out such as the bugle, rattles, etc. We here are just getting a touch of such club patriotism, and in my opinion there is no objections to same, provided the obnoxious features are cut out. However, time will tell, and it is to be hoped that the Association is not compelled to take drastic action because of the stupidity of the few who unfortunately by their doings affect the interests of the many.

From accounts received from the Old Country during last season, there, the art of refereeing

seems to have depreciated greatly. According to the fairly general hostile criticism against decisions given by the referees concerned in important games, and no doubt this is the result of the effects of the war on sport in all its departments.

In the "Laws of the Game," there is absolutely no mention made whatever about a double whistle being given for a kick to be taken, from which a goal can be scored direct, awarded because of infringements of Law 9 but much controversy exists on the point. There is no doubt about it however, that such a double whistle seems to be in existence in Soccer circles in the Old Country to-day, as it did exist to my own knowledge over ten years ago. My opinion is, in common with officials controlling the game here, that it is an unwritten law, and is purely a matter of courtesy and guidance to players. If you have any doubts on the question ask any old countryman for his opinion. I do not say that all referees acted as stated, but I have knowledge of the double whistle in England, Scotland and Ireland. During last season the point was much disputed, and valuable experience gained by some clubs on the matter, detrimental to their interests, and I quote a case illustrating what can happen in the circumstances. A free kick was awarded for an infringement which was not quite clear to the Captain of the club, which was penalised. The Captain asked the Referee if from the kick to be taken, and a goal could be scored direct was answered in the negative. The Captain is quite positive on this point, and future happenings bear this out, as he naturally placed his players accordingly.

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## RESULTS FOR SATURDAY, 5th AUGUST, 1922.

### FIRST GRADE.

#### First Division.

Pymont Rangers v. East Suburbs, Centennial Park (S. Rose). Rangers, 3—2.

Pymont v. Gladesville, Wentworth Oval (S. Allen). Pymont, 5—1.

Balmain Fernleigh v. Balmain Gladstone, Easton Park (J. Lester). Fernleigh, 2—1.

Granville v. Canterbury, Clyde Oval (D. McKinnon). Granville, 3—1.

#### Second Division.

Auburn v. Sydney, Wentworth Oval (W. Alexander). Sydney, 3—1.

Campsie Thistle v. Commonwealth Dockyard, Canterbury Road (D. Brown). Campsie Thistle, 1—0.

Lancashire Society v. North Sydney, Beauchamp Park (L. Gill). North Sydney, 8—3.

### SECOND GRADE.

#### A Division.

Manly v. Punchbowl, Brookvale Oval (R. Burns). Manly, 2—1.

Annandale Altona v. Metters Ltd., Mascot Park (A. Bates). Annandale Altona, 2—1.

Gladesville v. Hornsby Athletic, Wahroonga Grammar School. Gladesville, 2—1.

Sunlight v. N.S.W. Fire Brigades, Easton Park (J. McDougall). Sunlight, 1—0.

Botany Albion, the bye.

#### B Division.

Parramatta District v. Abbotsford District, Brereton Park (S. Freeman). Parramatta, 4—2.

Two Blues received forfeit from Drummoyne (F. Willesford).

Callan Park v. Rozelle Rovers, Callan Park (W. Berry). Callan Park, 5—1.

St. George District v. West Sydney, Cook Park (H. Read). West Sydney, 5—0.

Hurstville United, the bye.

#### C Division.

Pymont Rangers v. Garden Is., Ibrox Park (G. Fooks). Pymont Rangers, 1—0.

Metters Ltd. forfeited to Hospital, at Gladesville Hospital (C. R. Brown).

Botany Albion received forfeit from Annandale Altona.

### STATE CHAMPIONSHIP REPLAY.

Burns Anniversary v. Lithgow Thistle, Ibrox Park (G. Hargett). Burns Anniversary, 2—1.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F. A.	Pts.
Pymont	13	11	1	—	38	10
Bal. Fern.	13	11	2	—	33	12
Granville	12	7	3	2	27	11
Pyr. Rang.	13	6	7	—	18	30
Bal. Glad.	12	5	6	1	22	22
Gladesville	13	4	6	3	30	37
East. Subs.	13	1	9	3	18	41
Canterbury	12	—	11	1	15	38

### SECOND DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F. A.	Pts.
Bal. Scot.	12	8	1	3	43	17
Sydney	13	9	3	1	31	15
Cockatoo	13	8	4	1	26	12
Auburn	13	7	5	1	38	15
Burns Anniv.	12	5	3	4	26	15
Camp. Thist.	13	4	6	3	15	25
North Syd.	13	3	9	1	26	39
Lancas. Soc.	13	—	13	—	11	76

### SECOND GRADE.

#### A Division.

Team.	P.	B.	W.	D.	L.	F. A.	Pts.
Annan. Alt.	13	2	9	2	2	34	16
Horn. Ath.	13	2	7	2	4	33	17
Sunlight	13	2	7	1	5	21	16
Gladesville	12	2	6	1	5	20	17
Metters Ltd.	13	2	5	1	7	21	22
Manly	12	1	5	2	5	21	23
N.S.W. F.B.	13	1	5	1	7	20	20
Bot. Alb.	11	2	5	—	6	22	25
Punchbowl	14	1	2	2	10	18	37

#### B Division.

Team.	P.	B.	W.	D.	L.	F. A.	Pts.
West. Syd.	13	2	10	1	2	40	13
Callan Pk.	13	2	8	3	2	44	17
P'matta Dis.	13	2	8	2	3	33	18
Two Blues	11	2	5	2	1	48	6
Il'ville Unit.	13	2	7	1	5	23	26
Roz. Rov.	14	1	5	4	5	23	26
Abbot. Dis.	13	2	2	1	10	17	41
D'moyne	13	1	2	1	10	13	49
St. Geo. Dis.	12	2	1	1	10	11	62

#### C Division.

Team.	P.	B.	W.	D.	L.	F. A.	Pts.
Pyr. Rang.	13	2	12	1	—	52	6
Garden Is.	13	2	9	2	2	35	14
G'ville Hos.	12	2	3	3	6	15	19
Bot. Alb.	13	2	3	3	7	10	24

Funch Park—Railway Thistle match, result not to hand.

## METROP. JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

### STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The three Metropolitan teams in this Competition have each played teams from the Coast, and Kogarah defeated Corrimal B on its own ground by 2—0. Marrickville Avoca outclassed and defeated Corrimal A last Saturday at Primrose Park by

5—0, whilst Dulwich Hill Athletic played a draw with Balgownie at Bode's Ground, Wollongong, each side notching a goal, the locals in the last named game scoring on the whistle. The game will be played at Primrose Park next Saturday, when a good game is anticipated.

If Dulwich Hill is victorious on Saturday, the whole of the South Coast teams will have been eliminated, and three of the teams from the M.J.F.A., together with Auburn District, face the next round.

### THE COMPETITIONS.

The A Grade Competition has now been completed, and Dulwich Hill Athletic have won the first division, whilst Marrickville and Canterbury Juniors will meet at Primrose Park next Saturday to decide who shall play Dulwich Hill in the final for the A Grade Premiership 1922.

The B Grade is now nearing completion, and in the First Division Newtown and Leichhardt are running level; the latter, however, have a match in hand. These teams meet on No. 2 Primrose to-day. A keen struggle will be looked for.

In the Second Division Bankstown Junior appear to be winners. This team has done remarkably well; they have scored over a hundred goals against their opponents.

The C Grade Competition is being run in three divisions, and the Committee have decided that the leading teams of each division shall play each other. The team with the most points to be premiers, and hold the Granville Memorial Cup.

In the First Division Canterbury Juniors have a big margin, and seems improbable that they will be beaten for their division. The Second Division table shows Rozelle and Pymont doing well, and one of these will be the winners.

For the Third Division Pymont have a slight lead over Birchgrove but unfortunately the former team have been a source of trouble which is now being investigated by the committee. Their decision will have a big effect on the competition.

### CHARITY CUP.

Fourteen teams have entered this competition, including four Grade, and two of them have been drawn against A Grade clubs in the First Round, to be played to-day. It will be interesting to see how they fare against their senior brothers.

### PRIMROSE PARK.

The success of the new home of the Juniors has been a great surprise, even to those who started the venture, and every week seems to bring new faces. The receipts are wonderfully good, and now that good propaganda work has been done, and with the best games yet to be played, a goodly number are expected to be converted to our Code, and swell our already increasing attendances.

There is no doubt that many eyes are on us in this our first experience, but we can go ahead fearlessly, well knowing that we have done good work for the Code. Our parent bodies no doubt rejoice with us in our great success.

### A GRADE.

#### Second Division.

#### SEMI-FINAL.

Marrickville Avoca v Canterbury Juniors, Primrose 1, 3.15.

### CHARITY CUP.

Dulwich Hill v Dulwich Hill Athletic, Primrose 1, 1.45.  
Leichhardt v Arncliffe (deferred).

### B GRADE.

#### First Division.

Y.M.C.A. v Balmmain and Gladstone, Cooks No. 2, 3.15.

Stanmore v Lilyfield, Algie Park, 3.15.

Annandale v Punchbowl, Cooks No. 2, 1.45.

Newtown forfeit from S. T. Leigh. Leichhardt Bye.

#### Second Division.

Bankstown v Penshurst, Bankstown, 3.15.

Kogarah v Canterbury, Canterbury, 3.15.

Marrickville forfeit to Campsie Old Boys.

Campsie Thistle v Dulwich Hill Athletic, Crescent Oval, 3.15.

Arncliffe v Greenacre, Liverpool Road, Bankstown, 3.15.

### THIRD GRADE.

#### "A" Division.

Bankstown Juniors v Penshurst Rec., Cooks No. 1, 1.45.

Marrickville v Canterbury Juniors, Primrose No. 2, 1.45.

Punchbowl v Arncliffe, Belmore Road, Punchbowl, 1.45.

Dulwich Hill Athletic v Bankstown Athletic, Crescent, 1.45.

Kogarah Bye.

### "B" Division.

Sydney Juniors v Leichhardt, Erskineville, 3.15.

Banksmeadow v Balmmain Kia-Ora, Banksmeadow, 3 p.m.

Pymont v Rozelle, Primrose Park No. 2, 3.15.

Glebe Arcadia v Annandale United, Annandale, 1.45.

St. Peters Kangaroo forfeit from Moore Park.

### "C" Division.

Glebe Arcadia v Annandale Rovers, Algie Park, 1.45.

St. Peters Juniors v Campsie Y.M.C.A., Cooks No. 1, 3.15.

Ark of Safety v Rose Bay, Centennial, 1.45.

Botany v Birchgrove, Annandale, 3.15.

## IN THE LETTER BAG.

Sir,

In your issue of the 5th inst. appears a paragraph by "Mac." regarding the Juniors and what would have happened had the advice of the Sydney Referees Association been accepted. Apparently the writer has been misinformed as to facts, therefore, for his and also many other people's benefit I will state the facts. Firstly it will be remembered the S.R.A. fought the M.S.F.A. regarding the Appointment Board and carried a motion to withdraw affiliation to the latter body, which afterwards they rescinded. The trouble with the M.S.F.A. arose from the fact that they had no active member on this appointment board, which in my estimation is not becoming of "Soccer."

Secondly, the most vital point arose, when I, owing to stress of private business was unable to give the Referees' Assoc. my weekly fixtures typewritten on a foolscap sheet, and handed in the page from the Soccer News after checking and certifying as to its being correct. The appointment board refused to appoint referees on this list, and I understand some of the officials threatened to resign, because of this and also a letter from me criticising the past appointments. Consequently the Juniors had to do without referees for that week and would still have to do likewise, only for our President, Mr. Frank West, making

himself the appointment board and carrying out the work of the Referees Assoc.

Now Sir, where does the interest of the game lay? Can any lover of "Juniors" wonder why our game is being retarded? The Junior is entitled to the same privilege as a Senior, for is he not doing his part to foster the good old game for which we work.

Yours Etc.,  
F. C. PACKER,  
Hon. Sec., M.J.F.A.

Dear Sir,—Judging by the appointments of Referees this season, it seems remarkable to me how some referees have come into the limelight, considering that not one member of the Appointment Board visits the various grounds to see Referees in action.

If new Referees are going to have preference over the old and capable members, well, then, some of the members will be absent next year, unless the Appointment Board is vastly different than this year.—Yours truly,

A REFF.

## THE REFEREE.

(By MAC).

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The kick was taken, the ball went into the net, no attempt being made to stop it by any of the defenders, and a goal was awarded. The Captain protested to the Referee, but that official was adamant, and would not alter his decision, and no doubt, rightly so, because for many reasons a referee should not alter his decision.

The point is this however, the club penalised to this extent hold that the referee did alter his decision when the kick was taken, and therefore should have ordered the kick to be retaken, at the same time notifying the Captain that a goal could be scored direct from the kick, when he would therefore have placed his field in a position of defence, and made an attempt to save a goal from being scored.

This incident has caused much discussion, and the outcome of it will possibly be the insertion of a rule to the effect that a double



Saturday, 12th August, 1922.

Ibrox Park, 3.15.

Referee: Mr. W. ALEXANDER.

**BURNS ANNI-  
VERSARY** v. **COMMONWEALTH  
DOCKYARD**  
(Navy Blue) (White)

Early Match, 1.45.

REFEREE: MR. J. McDOUGALL.

**WEST SYDNEY**  
(Red and Blue Halves)

**ABBOTSFORD  
DISTRICT**  
(Black and White)

Brereton Park, 3.15.

Referee: Mr. E. LUKEMAN.

**ANNANDALE  
ALTONA**  
Blue and White Stripes)

v. **GLADESVILLE**  
(Black and Gold Stripes)

whistle, or some such signal, will be given in future. I am certainly of the opinion that much good, in many ways, would be derived therefrom, and no doubt some action will be taken by our Referees' Association in the matter, particularly as a guidance to players and spectators alike, which would have a tendency to help the game along, in this country. The point arises, as it did in the incident mentioned, that players should not converse with the referee, and I believe a referee's decision was upheld on this point alone, but surely a Captain of a club has a right to ask a civil question and receive a civil answer. However, opinions differ on the matter, the plea being that an argument may ensue. Well, the referee has his remedy, and can, if necessary, exercise the powers given him under the "Laws of the Game." I think the Football Association would certainly welcome some action in the matter by the Referees' Association, and at the same time remain an unwritten law. It is to be hoped that the game here will not suffer from the shortcomings of a Referee as in the case mentioned, who was to say the least of it, not a sport.

## THE IMMENSE POPULARITY OF ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

(Continued from last issue.)

The average man likes his pleasure in a concentrated form. The fact that he has little leisure influences him in this respect. Cricket, with its weary waits and long-drawn-out suspense, is voted "too slow," while lawn tennis has not yet really gripped the masses, if one excepts the remarkable scenes I witnessed at Wimbledon this year.

Only football remains as the great outdoor amusement of the people. It meets the need in every respect. It is swift in action, lasts but one hour and a half, and is crammed with pulsating excitement. These features enable it to conform to what the man in the street regards as essentials in sport.

(And here let me submit a hint to those gentlemen interested in cinematography. For the man who will produce really good football films—and the material for such are ready to the hand—there is a fortune waiting. But shoddy, unconvincing, amateurish "stuff" will be no use; the scenarios will have to be written by a man who really

understands football and football human nature, while the producer must also be a man who knows the game. The average enthusiast is a very severe critic.)

And now to proceed. We will allow, then, that the chief reason why sixty thousand people will go to see Chelsea play is because their imagination will be stirred, and that they will be taken out of themselves. But that will scarcely account for every kick of the ball being followed with an absorption which must be seen to be believed.

The second reason I advance for the amazing hold of football is the extraordinary sense of partisanship which exists. Get into conversation with one of the many hundreds of thousands of football enthusiasts that are to be found in England to-day, and you will find that on ordinary subjects he is an intelligent, unbiassed, fairly well-read man of affairs. He will bear criticism kindly on every subject but the football team in which he takes an interest. That topic is sacrosanct; you must either agree with him, or you must talk about something else. He will hear no harsh words about the professional football players he cheers every fortnight.

It is this personal and proprietary interest in a team that raises the enthusiasm for football to such a white-heat. Drama comes out of the clash of factions, and it is the football enthusiast's passionate belief in the members of his own team that forges the fanatical excitement which can be witnessed on every first-class football ground.

It is something for the psychologists to explain to us why level-headed men of business should, in the course of a football match, address members of the side they support chidingly, affectionately, despairingly, blasphemously! Yet it is done; and the only reason that an unbiassed observer can put forward is that the ordinary supporter's love for his club is a very real thing. It is only human nature to be associated, however distantly with a successful organisation, but the unsuccessful sides also have their loyal adherents, who refuse to allow any reverse to shake their allegiance.

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